

REMARKS

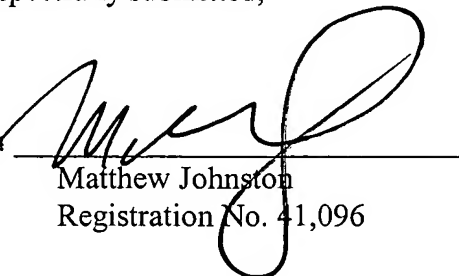
The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated November 3, 2003. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Claims 1-4 and 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lebas '684. However, claims 5-23 and 26-32 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and thus claims 1-4 and 6-32 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments and comments resolve all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe additional discussion would advance the prosecution of the present application, they are invited to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

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